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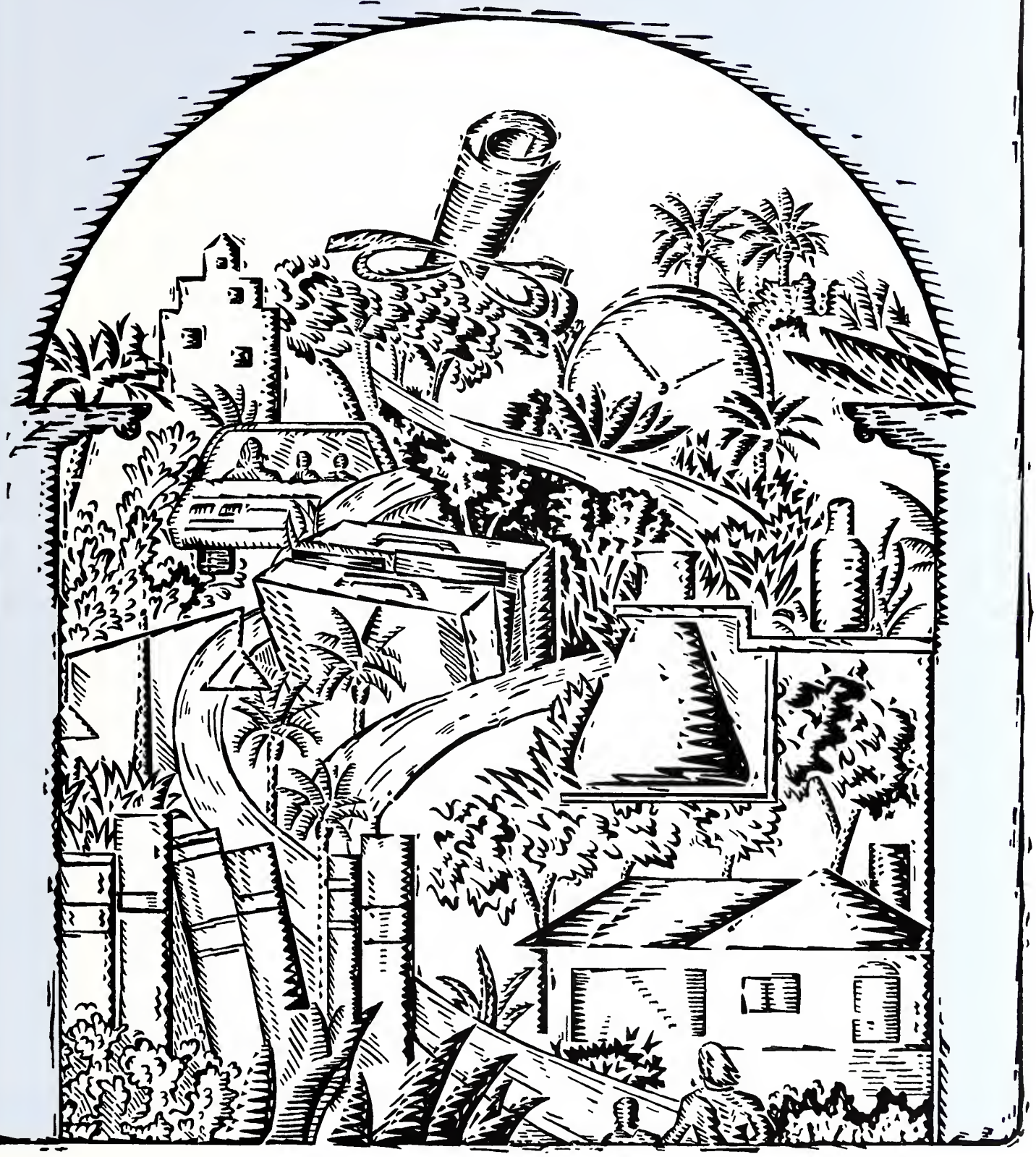

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The Age of DISCOVERY

by Carolyn Reynolds '93

Non-traditional age students at MSMC

One year ago my little sister graduated from college, prompting my family to travel from all over the country to share the celebration. She was queen for a weekend. At 21, Susan, the youngest in our family of six, was the first to graduate from a four-year college. When my sister Jane returned to Missouri and talked to her friends about the big event, she concluded by saying, "We'll celebrate all over again in two years when Carolyn graduates!" Her friends responded, she told me, saying "Oh, it won't be the same."

When I graduate in May I'll be 30 years old—seven or eight years older than the traditional college grad—and I've waited and worked a very long time for that day. You can be sure the spirit of celebration will indeed be the same.

At Mount St. Mary's College, approximately 475 full and part-time students (roughly 40 percent of all students) range from 25 to 50-plus years of age. MSMC tries to recognize the unique needs of this often overlooked group of returning students hoping to make their adjustment to college life less stressful and more rewarding.

Sometimes I feel alone on a whirlwind journey: I drive an hour to attend classes in the morning; hop in the car to drive another hour to work across town; drive another hour back home to have dinner and chat with my husband before I lock myself in my bedroom to study until midnight or later—every day. I live my life in an endless cycle of car, school, car, work, car again, and eventually—home! It sometimes feels like I'm the only one leading this bizarre triple life. But I've discovered I'm not.

THE LIFE OF A JUGGLER

Pat Kessler is Mount St. Mary's Re-Entry Coordinator. She has been described as bright, enthusiastic, and always ready to help. Her dedication to the re-entry students (the title assigned to the group of non-traditional age students enrolled at the College) is reflected in her concern and eagerness to help those students who have been out of school for an extended period of time and require some special guidance and advice.

In 1990, when she was 50 years old, Kessler graduated from the Mount with her degree in English and psychology. She had begun working to revitalize the re-entry program in 1988 because she saw the need for MSMC to better serve students who, like herself, required an approach to new student orientation, advisement and campus activities different from the traditional student. Kessler, married and the mother of three sons and one daughter, managed the challenges and frustrations of having a full family life while she was a student.

"Younger students have many misconceptions about the re-entry students," Kessler says with a laugh. "I remember one day when I came to class and told a young woman that I had not begun my homework until 11 o'clock the night before because my day had been so busy. She looked at me with total surprise and said, "I thought all you re-entry students did was study!"

Kessler is well aware that the life of a re-entry student is not filled with neatly stacked hours spent "just studying." At best, it is a delicate balancing act; for some students it's more like being a circus performer, tossing apples and oranges into the air.

But despite the variety of demands on their time, older students often bring a singular dedication to academic life.

AN ACCOMPLISHED ACT

Gerry Ann Dover is a master juggler. She will tell you that keeping her extensive family organized, working, and studying leaves little time for anything else. Also a 1990 MSMC graduate, Dover received her degree in political science/public administration at the age of 48, and is now well into her second year at USD Law School. "My first course in college was a computer science course—and I got an A! It blew me away!"

She began her college education in 1980 at Montana State University where she was working as a department secretary and needed a computer course to know how to use the new "super brain" computer in the office. She passed the course handily, "But the sad part was that the man who was the department head wouldn't let me touch the computer, even after I learned how to use it. I think that's what spurred me to go on...I wanted to articulate some of the hurt that I felt from a system that oppressed women so much."

She completed her education at the Mount while living in Oceanside, more than two hours away. "I traveled from Oceanside to Santa Monica two to three days a week. It was a rough schedule. But I never missed a day of school, and I think that's because I felt so cared for by my professors."

Dover acknowledges that the entire family needed to adjust to her being back in school. "My mother would say, 'What do you need an education for? You're a wife, mother, a grandmother now. What are you going to do with a degree?' Now my family is very supportive. It was a growing experience for them as well."

Gerry Ann Dover '90 and advisor Dr. Ron Oard celebrate her graduation from MSMC.

Terri McGrath puts her family center stage: daughters Carey and Kelly; Brendan with husband Evan.

A MUSICAL ENCORE

At her side are her husband and three young children; she holds, in one hand, a job as a music teacher and her cherished flute. In the other is work with a successful Irish band as well as a full-time class schedule as a music education major at the Mount. When the spotlight shines on Terri McGrath, 34, she also performs an expert juggling act every day.

McGrath's colleagues urged her to return to college in order to become a credentialed high school music teacher. "But it was something my husband said that made me come back," McGrath explains. "One night, while I was grading papers, I asked him about figuring percentages. I said I wished I knew how to do that, and that I really wanted to go back to school...and he got so mad. He said, 'Terri, you are never going to do it. You've talked about it for years, but it's never going to happen!'" Two weeks later McGrath tentatively approached the MSMC booth at a religious education conference in Orange County and found out about the MSMC curriculum in music.

"You know, when you've been away from school a long time, you wonder: Can I study? Can I make the grade? Can I do it? I found out I can!"

RENEWED SELF-CONFIDENCE

The programs serving non-traditional age women at Mount St. Mary's are meeting a vital need. Students can receive advice regarding class schedules, study aids, or complicated financial and business concerns.

"Many students return to college with feelings of fear and intimidation," says Pat Kessler. "They wonder if they'll be able to keep up with the younger students." But Kessler has found that after the first few weeks at the Mount, students who voiced these concerns report that they are increasingly confident and comfortable with their on-campus life. The younger students and the faculty are welcoming, supportive, and appreciative of the re-entry student's contribution in the classroom.

Susan Silverman is a '92 graduate of the Mount, and at 32 she also began her college education later and with some feelings of intimidation. "I started taking one class a semester because I was scared to take more than that... It was hard to make the transition. I left an excellent job and went back to the Mount full-time because I felt compelled to finish. When I got my diploma it felt so good. My degree is something nobody can take away from me."

Mount St. Mary's College is exploring new ways to meet the needs of non-traditional age students. In addition to the re-entry program, the HOPE Center at Doheny and the new Weekend College offer other avenues for working adults determined to earn an associate or bachelor's degree. The Weekend College program, which premiered this fall, offers a four-year degree in liberal arts or business; the HOPE Center, at Doheny, inaugurated a new associate degree in nursing program this year.

Corolyn Reynolds consults with Sister Mory Willioms, choir of the English department.

Classes held during non-traditional hours are growing ever more popular... filled with students who may be older, changing careers, perhaps with college-age children of their own. But whether a first-time-away-from-home freshman or one of the ever-growing numbers of returning students, Mount St. Mary's offers the same opportunity to share in the excitement of exploring ideas. I imagine that on that big day in May '93, we'll also share the same emotions as our families and friends watch us file through the Chalon Circle in caps and gowns.

Suson Silverman chots with Pat Kessler.

Bridging the Gap

Webster defines "bridge" as "a time, place, or means of connection or transition." Over the past eight years, Mount St. Mary's College has built two "bridges" from the Doheny campus, connecting the College with local high school students. Both the STEP (Strides Toward Educational Proficiency) and Student Ambassador programs facilitate the transition from high school to college.

Since 1985, the first year of the STEP program, almost 200 young women of diverse ethnic backgrounds have begun the road to college the summer before and during their senior year. They have come from high schools in Los Angeles, Huntington Park, Compton, Inglewood, and Santa Monica. Juniors are nominated by their high school counselor and faculty, then the director of the STEP program interviews and tries to accept at least five students from each participating school. Maturity level, commitment to the program, college potential, and a need to improve basic skills are all considerations in the selection process.

The first STEP activity is a three-week August workshop, also attended by some of the incoming MSMC freshmen, at the Doheny campus. All participants take a class in study skills as well as in math, reading, or writing. Pre-and-post test results show that the majority of the students improve their skills dramatically.

Improving basic skills is not the only purpose of the STEP program; motivating these seniors to attend college is another goal. After each morning skills class, the high school students attend afternoon workshops focusing on such topics as selecting a college, completing applications, applying for financial aid, and learning about residence life. College personnel conduct the sessions and students participate in experiences like an over-night in the dorm. The students go back to their respective high schools and prepare a panel discussion for their peers, sharing what they've learned about college life.

A third purpose is to increase the students' cultural awareness through off-campus experiences: attending plays at local theatres, visiting libraries and museums, and generally becoming familiar with the cultural resources of L.A. An interdisciplinary reading class prepares students for these cultural experiences through class lectures and assignments. The College provides entrance tickets and transportation.

Each high school student receives a $200 tuition grant for the summer workshop, so that the only cost to the student is a $25 materials fee. Outside funding to underwrite tuition costs has come from the ARCO, AT&T, Coca-Cola, Pacific Telesis, Wells Fargo, and the Ralph M. Parsons foundations.

During senior year follow-up visits, the STEP director continues to discuss college plans with each participant. An annual follow-up survey is sent to STEP students one year after high school graduation. These surveys indicate that 98% of the STEP participants who return the survey attend college, many completing a two-year and/or four-year degree. Although not a main goal of the program, a number of STEP students enroll at Mount St. Mary's; fifteen enrolled in 1991-92.

by Sister Joseph Adele Edwards, English department faculty and director, STEP program

The best testimony to the effectiveness of the STEP program comes from students. "Before coming to the STEP summer workshop, I didn't think I needed college. Now I know I have to go," one recent participant commented. For this senior, and many others like her, using the STEP "bridge" has indeed made crossing over to college an easier transition.

If bringing high school students on campus proved so successful, why not send the Mount St. Mary's students back to their own or other high schools for contact with younger students? From this concept came another "bridge"—the Student Ambassador Program, begun in 1990. Initially, six MSMC students worked with counselors in public schools located in lower socio-economic areas of Los Angeles.

In 1991-92, with funding from the Pacific Telesis, 3M, and ARCO foundations, the program expanded. With expansion came a two-fold objective: first, to assist the high school college counselors in advising and motivating high school students to attend college; and second, to provide MSMC students with a means of strengthening their communication skills, leadership ability, and self-confidence—all as part of a paying job.

To achieve these goals, Student Ambassadors attend a training program involving preparation for working with high school counselors and students. The ambassadors learn how to convey the importance of college; help advise students in completing admissions and financial aid forms; weigh the pros-and-cons in choosing a college; and demonstrate the qualities that might attract potential students to Mount St. Mary's College.

MSMC sophomores, juniors, and seniors are eligible to apply for the Ambassador Program. Besides specific personal qualities and having a general knowledge of the college admissions process, the student must provide her own transportation to the high school. Once accepted, ambassadors either become high school visit, on-campus, or outreach ambassadors. The high school visit ambassador returns to her high school during the College's Christmas and spring breaks. While there, she talks with younger students about her own college

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Sister Joseph Adele and Mario Lyons, director of student activities, meet with STEP program participants Claudio Lopez, Alicia Aldana, and Zaila Pelaya.

Student Ambassadors with director Susan Fread (top row, left) gather at Doheny. Fread helps prepare Ambassadors to answer questions about application procedures and financial aid.

experience and tries to motivate them to do what is necessary in high school in order to succeed in college. The on-campus ambassador provides tours of MSMC's Doheny and Chalon campuses when high school students visit. These ambassadors talk to the visitors about the college experience and assist the Mount's admissions staff with the many programs to which high school students are invited.

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The first two levels of working with high school students prepare student ambassadors for the more serious and extensive outreach component of the Ambassador Program. Students who apply to this phase of the program must be at least sophomores and have had experience at the other two levels. These ambassadors visit a designated high school for ten to sixteen hours a month from October through April. Their role is essentially that of student college counselor. They also assist and work closely with the high school's college counselor. During 1991-92, the program involved a total of thirty-one ambassadors, working a combined 751 hours at twenty-four schools, including five STEP schools, and assisting 1,738 students.

An evaluation of this past year's program affirmed its success. At a spring breakfast, the high school counselors spoke of the tremendous help provided by the student ambassadors. One counselor expressed frustration about the overwhelming number of students she is expected to advise regarding college. "The only ones I am able to see are those who are highly motivated, have family support for college, and are aggressive in making appointments to see me," she said. "The ones that are 'left out' are those who don't have family support or encouragement, and I was grateful to be able to have the MSMC student ambassadors work with some of those students."

The MSMC students also found the experience rewarding. One student remarked that her high school counselor's face lit up when he saw her. When she shared what she had learned with the younger students and cautioned them about mistakes that she had made, she felt that the experience was as valuable for her as it was for the high school students. Another ambassador commented that having "an influence on the students' decision-making process is enough reward in itself."

For many young people in the greater Los Angeles area, the road to college is filled with academic and financial potholes. Recent events in the city have intensified the difficulties and diminished their hopes. Bridges that overcome obstacles help at least some of them pursue their dream of a college degree. By providing "a time, place, and means of transition," the STEP and Ambassador bridges help them cross over from dream to reality.

Special thanks to Dr. Barbara Becker and Susan Fread, who contributed to this article.

Mount Scene

Weekend College Booms

As soon as the publicity hit the papers, the telephone at the Weekend College rang off the hook. "The response exceeded our expectations," said Merrill Rodin, director of the Weekend College. "We realized that we hadn't so much generated interest as tapped into a need present in the community."

The Weekend College offers working men and women—whether beginning college students or those with transfer credits from other colleges—an opportunity to earn a baccalaureate degree in liberal arts or business during a Saturday-Sunday time frame.

Out of 550 phone inquiries received in the first three weeks of the advertising campaign, 220 were from men! Interest in the liberal arts major ran twice as high as interest in the business major, and most of the prospective students had college credits to transfer.

One hundred and eighty-seven interested adults braved the 90 degree-plus Saturday mornings in August to attend information sessions. They came from Ventura and Ojai, Riverside, and Orange County. Rodin reports he also received calls from interested adults in San Francisco and Texas who considered flying in for the weekends.

Assistant Director Louro Foster confers with Merrill Rodin, director of the Weekend College.

The Weekend College inaugurated its first session in September with more than ninety students. "The weekend format turns out to be perfect for many working adults," said Rodin. "It allows them to fulfill their responsibilities to their careers and families and at the same time to complete a bachelor's degree in the usual four-year time frame."

Ivins in '92

The annual Horizons Day convocation on September 23 had a wild, Texas twist thanks to Molly Ivins, the best-selling author and political pundit who offered students her unique perspective on the race for the White House. The lecture was S-R-O despite the sweltering heat, and followed the traditional picnic lunch in the Chalon campus circle. Fifteen students drew straws for a private "Lunch with Molly" prior to the lecture. Copies of her acclaimed collection, *Molly Ivins Can't Say That, Can She?* were on sale, and the author stayed to sign them and offer a few more impromptu jabs at the political players taking center stage this fall.

"It has been for myself and my colleagues in the field of political humor, an absolutely marvelous year," Ivins said. "But...people are genuinely angry. They are cynical and frustrated to an extent that is, in fact, frightening, and quite possibly dangerous. One reflection of that cynicism and disgust with conventional politics is the candidacy of my fellow Texan, Ross Perot," she added.

Ivins poked fun at Perot, Bush and Clinton—but her remarks took a serious turn as she urged the audience to be involved, informed citizens. "Sometimes I think we should all be required to have

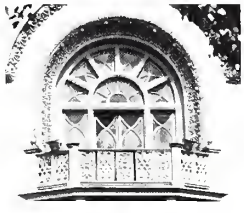
double majors in college," Ivins suggested. "One major in the field you intend to pursue—and a second major in government. I think being a citizen of this country is an important responsibility...and saying you're just not interested in politics is like saying you're not interested in what happens to your life, to your children...it is folly."

To receive an audio tape of the Horizons Day lecture, call the public relations office at 310-471-9529.

Diversity Breeds Success

The CBS Foundation wants to help tell the world how MSMC has established its impressive record of success in educating students from diverse ethnic backgrounds, and is providing significant funding to that end. CBS station KCBS-TV in Los Angeles has also become committed to advancing the Mount St. Mary's College mission: the station will provide in-kind services and materials to develop a series of videos telling the MSMC story.

The videos will be used to demonstrate techniques that have proved effective at MSMC for sensitizing faculty to multicultural perspectives and broader



choices in curricula. The techniques can be adapted for use at other colleges and universities, or in businesses where ethnic and cultural differences, and the attendant tensions, threaten to isolate employees or reduce the effectiveness of an organization.

"No project could be more timely," says Joe Dyer, director of community affairs at KCBS. "As the country becomes increasingly diverse, Mount St. Mary's is leading the way in bridging the differences."

The videos will serve as a complement to the popular *Celebrating Cultural Diversity* series of monographs published by Mount St. Mary's College PrismPublishing. The third monograph in the series, *Infusing Multicultural Perspectives Across the Curriculum*, has just been published. It offers practical suggestions for teachers who want to revise and develop syllabi to include culturally diverse materials.

A New Trustee

Mount St. Mary's College welcomes Sister Jill Napier to the Board of Trustees, the key institutional decision-making body for the College.

Napier serves in the dual role of Elementary School Supervisor and Budget Director for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. As Supervisor, she is responsible for 38 elementary schools in the Santa Barbara Region and Deanery 13 of Our Lady of Angels. As Budget Director, she collaborates with the Director of the Secretariat for Education and Formation, the Archdiocesan School Board, and the entire staff of the Department of Catholic Schools in developing and implementing financial guidelines.

Napier is also a part-time instructor at the University of San Francisco, where she teaches a school finance course as part of the master's degree program in private school administration.

Napier received her B.A. and secondary life teaching credential from Mount St. Mary's College; she earned her MBA from Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles.

"The Mount has played a significant part in my own history, and my appreciation for the education I received here is constantly growing," says Napier. "I'm extremely committed to ensuring a place for womens' colleges in higher education."

Betting on a Sure Thing

Hats off to the MSMC Regents Council and Casino Royale III co-chairs, Roger K. Hughes and John P. Sullivan, for hosting one of the most memorable fundraisers in the College's history. The event, originally scheduled for May 2, was canceled due to the curfew imposed during the civil disturbances in L.A. With a new date set in September, the Council doubled its efforts, attracting nearly 300 guests and raising $40,921 to benefit Mount students.

In the jewelbox setting of the Doheny mansion, guests bid in a silent auction for beautifully laden gift baskets and certificates generously donated by local retailers, restaurants, and theaters, and tried their luck at mock casino games. Bidders in the live auction vied for round trip tickets to Switzerland and New York, and a cocktail party for 50 guests at the Doheny mansion.

After a sumptuous buffet of international dishes and luscious desserts, guests burned up calories dancing under the stars to the music of the Karla Ross Orchestra (Ross is a 1984 grad). The fun, feasting and frivolity all served a serious purpose—helping sustain the high quality of MSMC academic programs and increasing the amount of financial aid available for deserving students.

Hosts at Casino Royale are (L to R) Regents Council vice-chairs John P. Sullivan and Mary Lou Melanson, Sister Karen, and Roger K. Hughes, Regents Council chairman.

Good News in Nursing

In an attempt to help address the growing need for qualified nurses in Los Angeles, MSMC has teamed up with hospitals in our community. Daniel Freeman Medical Center, Kaiser Permanente, National Medical Enterprises (NME) and Saint John's Hospital and Health Center have all donated generously to fund a new associate degree in nursing (ADN) program.

The ADN program began in September at the Doheny campus, and is designed for working adults who live in the Los Angeles area. Unlike traditional nursing programs, classes and clinical experiences are held during evenings and weekends. Many students are making a career change, and/or must work full-time to finance their education.

Once they complete approximately two years of course work, students are prepared to take State Boards to qualify as Registered Nurses. The associate degree will enable them to begin working, while at the same time provide them with career mobility.

"The current health care crisis requires new modes of collaboration," says MSMC President Sister Karen Kennelly. "This creative relationship with local health care organizations who are advancing the development of new programs will help the Los Angeles community meet its health care needs."

Rah-Rah Rockefeller

Seniors Noemi Donoso and Cathy Nguyen were named among the first recipients of the Rockefeller Brothers Fund Fellowships for minority students entering the teaching profession, and will each be awarded up to $18,000 to help with costs of graduate school, paying off loans, and a summer project. Accompanied by their faculty mentors, Carla Bartlett and Anne Wilcoxen, the two teachers-to-be attended a conference of the Rockefeller Fellows near Washington, D.C., last August.

"It was really exciting to meet the other teachers and educators and learn about the programs being created to recruit and retain minority students," Wilcoxen says of the August conference. "With this Fellowship program, the Foundation is building a network, a feeding system for developing minority educators."

Nguyen's summer project involved 6th grade students in an exploration of their cultural heritage through literature. The children—from China, Thailand, and Cambodia—interviewed their relatives and read the works of Asian authors, then created stories that revealed the unique qualities they discovered in their own cultures. Nguyen explains that her own teachers provided her with the emotional support she needed when her family first arrived in the U.S. after fleeing Vietnam in 1975. "That's why I want to teach—to have an impact on the lives of children."

Noemi Donoso's summer project, a series of workshops for youth in south central L.A., was aimed at helping young people find meaning in the terrible events of April 29-May 3. "I tried to bring together some of those most affected by the riots, helping them look at the devastating effects of violence and anger and develop a sense of community," Donoso says. "They need to realize they can make a difference."

The Rockefeller quartet (L to R): Cathy Nguyen, Carla Bartlett, Anne Wilcoxen, Noemi Donoso

Moving Up Among "The Best in the West"

MSMC moved to the number two position among the top ten regional liberal arts colleges in the annual college survey issue of *U.S. News and World Report*, published at the end of September, after having been ranked sixth last year. It's the fourth year in a row that the College has been named in the top ten. To arrive at the 1992 line-up, *U.S. News and World Report* evaluated 384 colleges in MSMC's category.

The *U.S. News and World Report* ratings are based on an analysis of several criteria, including the excellence of academic programs and faculty, admission standards, and the overall satisfaction of students.

MSMC was identified as a "small, low-cost school offering some of the best values for students interested in the arts and sciences."

Way to Go, Terry!

If you've spent any time on campus over the last several years, you probably got slapped with an ebullient "high five" from a petite young woman with short, dark hair and enough enthusiasm about college life to send MSMC into orbit. That was Terry Yugar '92.

"Women's stories are not adequately told," Yugar declared soon after graduating magna cum laude with honors in psychology. "All women must narrate their individual experiences, listening and trying to understand other women's accounts of their own unique reality."

Yugar began graduate work at Harvard Divinity School this fall, where she is studying feminist theology with an emphasis on understanding women's role in Christian history. In February '93 she will travel from Cambridge, Mass., to Arequipa, Peru, on a Fulbright Scholarship. There, she will continue the research she began for her senior honor's thesis: exploring women's sources of empowerment.

A Musical Calling

"I believe I was called to bring music to others. This is my mission. When I perform in a concert, the audience and I experience something beautiful together," says Sister Nancy Fierro, CSJ.

At Mount St. Mary's College, Fierro teaches piano to students of all musical levels and Functional Skills for music majors; she also offers pre-concert lectures for the "Upbeat Live Series" at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion in the Music Center and for MSMC's own Da Camera Society.

The MSMC honors graduate is an acknowledged expert on the music of women composers. "There have been more than 4,000 women composers since the beginning of history and it is only in the last 20 years that they have started being discovered," explains Fierro.

Fierro's search for music by women has taken her to Western and Eastern Europe as well as to many cities throughout the United States. As part of the California Council of the Arts Program, Fierro will perform her lecture-concerts as a Touring Artist in California through 1994. Her own concert bookings include an engagement at MSMC next July, featuring her special presentation of women composers.

Fierro has recorded two successful albums of women's music from Europe and the Americas. She has also recorded a fresh arrangement of joyful holiday music, *Noel*, which is available for $12.50 through Carondelet Publications (call 310-476-6431 for information).

Going for the (Purple and) Gold

The athletics program at Mount St. Mary's College is dedicated to the idea that competitive sports can serve as an integral part of education. (MSMC athletes are called "the Athenians," having taken Athena, goddess of wisdom, as the symbol of their team spirit.) This year marks the beginning of a new scholar-athlete award program.

The scholar-athletes are awarded as much as $2,500, renewable for up to four years, as long as the recipient maintains a 3.0 GPA and continues to participate in intercollegiate athletics at MSMC.

The first two recipients are a volleyball player, Suzanne Sherman of Whittier, and a cross-country athlete, Cheryl Ramirez of Walnut.

In addition to academics, the new scholar-athletes will commit 20 to 30 hours a week to practice time. Help cheer them on by becoming a Friend of the Athenians, or simply a rowdy rooter in the bleachers.

Celebrate Doheny

When classes resumed this fall, the Mount St. Mary's Doheny campus began its 30th year of successfully educating a group of students largely underrepresented in higher education. The student population continues to reflect the ethnic and cultural diversity of Los Angeles.

Since the campus was opened during the presidency of Sister Rebecca Doan, more than 2,000 young women have earned their degrees at the Doheny campus. The majority—many of them first generation college-goers—proceed to baccalaureate study. In addition to the two-year associate-in-arts programs, the Doheny campus also serves graduate students in education, psychology and religious studies.

"In the next 30 years, I'd like to see the Doheny mission continued and strengthened," affirms Sister Kathleen Kelly, vice president for the Doheny campus. "As we grow, we will continue to develop programs that respond to the changing needs of our society and our time."

A special celebration of the proud history of the MSMC Doheny campus is planned for Saturday, March 6, 1993. Alumnae, family, and friends will take a tour of the Doheny mansion, renew old friendships, and attend a presentation highlighting the Doheny tradition of success. If you have ideas or memories to share, call the alumnae office at (310) 471-9522.

Classics

'43 While making a transition to retirement, **Bernice Brady Medinnis** is actively guiding several high schools in their restructuring efforts, and training Los Angeles Police Department D.A.R.E. officers, as well as military police, in classroom management. She just returned from giving in-service training for D.A.R.E. instructors in England, Germany, and Italy.

'45 **Onriette Lebron King** is working on getting a novel published after helping publish a book called *Vermont Voices*, which was written by the League of Vermont Writers, of which she is an active board member.

'51 **Susan Robertson Gerard** teaches Spanish-speaking kindergarteners for the LAUSD.

'53 In June 1992, **Gloria Day Thiele** marked her third year in business as owner of Discovery Garden, a shop specializing in educational materials for children. Since 1985, she has been included in *Who's Who of American Women* and this year will appear in *Who's Who in American Education.*

'55 **Betty Atwill Myrick** and her husband host foreign exchange students from all over the world.

'56 **Mary Dolan-Lonergan** has been elected vice-president of San Francisco Federal Savings and Loan. She is also a residential loan division compliance officer.

'57 **Pauline Foley Casey** invites anyone to stop by her office in the gift shop of her family-built drive-thru wildlife park—Bear Country, in Rapid City, SD. It displays all North American animals, including over 200 black bears.

'57 **Janet Horejsi Prukop** serves as the coordinator for the refugee health program in tuberculosis control for the Los Angeles County Health Department.

'58 **Sharon Fay Koch** hopes to complete her coursework for a master of ministry degree from Seattle University's Institute of Theological Studies.

'58 The newsletter edited by **Patricia Sharkey Carter** for the Fullerton Branch of the AAUW won a first place award at the state convention.

'58 **Jo Bondan Roche** spent twelve days cruising to Alaska and British Columbia.

'59 In January, **Gloria Travaglini Chess** and her daughter, **'82 Lisa Wells DeHaas,** visited cousins throughout Italy. A few months after their return, Lisa made Gloria a grandmother for the third time.

'59 Busily working as a school nurse with severely handicapped high school students, **Patricia Concepcion** also aids in maternal health with the Public Health Department as a public health nurse.

'61 **Linda Cox Stellern** still enjoys teaching a third grade bilingual class and accompanies her husband's John Muir High School Ski Club students to their condo in the mountains once a month.

'61 As a secondary mentor science teacher, **Sharon Lisle Writer** traveled to Sardinia with Earthwatch on an archeological expedition. In addition, she held the title of 1991 Teacher of the Year in the Orange Unified School District, and was one of 32 teachers recognized for her contributions to education.

'61 **Joann Barone Peters** enjoys playing in a banjo group in and around Sacramento. She has recently completed a course qualifying her to become an activity co-ordinator in residential care or skilled nursing facilities.

'62 **Mariel Bailey Geiss** is employed part-time as a nursing supervisor for patients in long-term care.

'63 After seven years, **Jodi Mullins Radovich** is nursing supervisor for St. Joseph's Health Systems Home Health Agency in Orange County, and in January received the "Values In Action" Award of Excellence from that agency.

'63 Last fall, **Bernice Fijak Lynch-Bajada** and her husband visited archeological sites in Italy, Greece, Malta and Turkey. Meanwhile, she also continues her therapy practice with an emphasis on working with adults 30-60 years of age.

'64 **Barbara Ledesma Brown** was sworn in this month as president of the Orange County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the first woman president of the Chamber, the county's largest Latino business organization.

'64 In addition to her status as senior public health nurse at South Bay Public Health Center, **Janet Olimski Trautmann** is also involved with a Girl Scout troop vying for a Marian Medal.

The Mount St. Mary's College community was saddened by the recent passing of Sister Rose Gertrude Calloway, CSJ.

Sister Rose Gertrude was a member of MSMC's second graduating class in 1930 and the first alumna to become a member of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. In 1935 she returned to the College to begin her career as an instructor in mathematics. She taught until 1943, when she was granted a leave of absence for graduate study in mathematics at the Catholic University of America in Washington D.C. She returned to MSMC in 1948 to become chairman of the mathematics department and dean of resident students.

In 1955 she became the College's academic dean and served in that capacity until she was appointed College President in 1958, serving for three years.

She returned to chair the mathematics department in 1964 and devoted much of her time to lecturing for the Program for Alumnae Cultural Enrichment (PACE). She also served as the College's director of financial aid.

She is best remembered for her guiding ways, her inspiration to her students, and her love of animals.

'64 In June 1992, while traveling to Heidelberg, Germany, **Colleen Gillen Azen** helped set up an international branch of a research study on maternal PKU, which has been her focus for the past seven years.

'65 **Patricia Chapman De La Torre** completed her master of education degree and is currently a reading specialist at Central Washington University.

'65 **Roberta Duffield Kordich** has been chosen a mentor teacher in the Palos Verdes School District.

'65 After finishing her master's degree in English, **Colleen Durant O'Shaughnessy** was assigned to teach a history class in Reading, MA.

'65 As a home hospital teacher, **Eileen Murphy Bigelow** instructs high school students who are unable to attend school due to illness or injury. She received the PTA Honorary Service Award this year. She and her husband are involved in "Evenings for the Engaged" for St. John Vianney parish.

'66 In addition to recently becoming a mother of the bride, **Cecelia Brewer Wright** has also been promoted to Executive Vice President/Chief Operations Officer at Vista Hill Management Services.

'69 A promotion in August 1991 moved **Mary Beth Stonestreet Kitchens** from case manager of Mt. Diablo Home Health to nursing supervisor for the Vallejo office. She also serves as HIV/AID Chairwoman on the California Medical Society Auxiliary State Board.

'69 **Deborah Bottoms Lefevre** was recently named Director of Human Resources for Blue Shield of California's San Francisco Corporate Office. Her responsibilities include compensation, benefits, employee relations, systems and staffing.

'73 In August, **Dr. Mary C. Breden** accepted the position of Director of Choral Music at Loyola Marymount University.

'73 **Susan Levesque Eden** teaches an ungraded primary class in Sherman Oaks, CA. She enjoys singing with Revelation 22, a vocal group of contemporary church music at St. Elisabeth's.

'73 Since 1984, **Marilyn Baumgartner Shirk** has been working as a mental health consultant to the nursing staff at Cedars-Sinai; she has served on the board of directors of the California Nurses' Association, and now serves on the Editorial Advisory Board of *Graduating Nurse*, a new journal for entry-level nurses.

'73 **Mary Pat Parten Gonzalez** serves as librarian at Mater Dei High School in Santa Ana, CA, and is now completing her master's degree in library and information sciences. She and her husband and their three children are active in community theater and sports.

The class of '67 celebrates its 25th reunion at Founders Day: Back row (L to R) Diane Staffard, Sandra McNicoll, Patricia Maccarrone Le Roux, Shari Pieczarka Duron, Toni Bannan Gross, Deborah Greaney Parker, Pauline Roberts Singleton, Elizabeth Lynch Cunningham. Middle row (seated) Marline Radovich, Altine Bentson, Ann Finnegan Gish, Sr. Joan Schlotfeldt SND, Mary Pendergest Monville, Victoria Chaney-Brosman, Linda Rabsan Murraw, Melody King Chasen. Front raw Paula Bazar-Sandling, Bannie Purvis Buchholtz, Noreen Emerson Frieling, and Belinda Barry Mitchell.

'67 After graduating from Abbott-Northwestern's Enterostomal Therapy Nursing Program in November 1991, **Ann Hohman Brinton** continues to work for Daniel Freeman Hospital.

'67 **Dr. Consuelo Villaverde** is enjoying retirement from the LAUSD after 26 years of service. Her last position was as Coordinator of Emergency Services. Currently, she is teaching at Valley College.

'68 **Dr. Kristin Hansen Behrle** is writing and working on publishing her dissertation. She is a clinical psychologist in private practice in Brentwood, CA, and an adjunct professor at Antioch University.

'68 In June 1991, **Mary Arneson Odell** was promoted to President of the Riordan Foundation in Los Angeles, which supports early-childhood literacy.

'69 **Virginia Fijak Fry** graduated in May with a master's degree in marriage and family therapy. She also volunteers at the high schools of both of her children.

'69 After 12 years of being a full-time mom and volunteer with various organizations, **Nancy Chase Kallenberger** works part-time in a clinical laboratory supervised by fellow MSMC alumna '66 **Margaret Weber Susank**. She also serves as liturgy committee chairperson at St. Joan of Arc parish in West Los Angeles.

'75 **Angela Hawekotte Quinn** has moved her law practice to Pasadena, CA. Her general practice is composed primarily of corporate, tax, estate planning, probate and litigation matters.

'77 **Patricia Thompson Thomas** has a part-time position as a staff nurse in an emergency department and teaches basic and advanced cardiac life support and CPR with the local Emergency Medical Service Program in Morgantown, NC.

'77 **Rosa Maria Salazar** retired from the LAUSD after 34 years of successful service, ranging from teacher to assistant principal. She received letters of commendation from U.S. and state senators, the governor of California, several city officials, and even a special letter from President George Bush. She is presently a religious education volunteer in her parish.

'77 Transferred from Germany to Hawaii, **Cathy Ann Dreher** works as an intelligence officer with computer systems design and development.

'77 **Pamela Kennedy Oborski** is newly employed with John Wiley & Sons Publishers in New York City as Associate Director of Production for the College Division.

'77 **Patricia Muller Sanders** has been inducted into Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing, the Gamma Gamma chapter at SDSU.

'77 A lieutenant commander in the Navy Nurse Corps, **Debora Coulapides** has received her master's degree in family health nursing and is now a family nurse practitioner in Rota, Spain.

'78 **Katina Zaninovich** has been nominated for Nurse of the Year for Santa Barbara County in the administrative category. Currently she is the Executive Director of the Santa Barbara Visiting Nurse Association.

'78 **Margaret Roslansky McKean** serves as the chief negotiator for the Lake Tahoe Unified School District. She was an interest-based bargaining speaker at the California Board Conference.

'78 **Mary H. Smith** of Los Angeles had a wonderful trip to the Barcelona Olympics, traveling throughout Spain, Morocco and Portugal for four weeks. Recently, she wrote a chapter in a book entitled *Delivering Health Care to Homeless Persons.*

'79 **Judy Will Taylor** is enjoying her newly-built home in Tigard, OR.

'79 **Linda Davis Meseck**, who recently became certified as an oncology nurse, continues to work in the oncology unit at Tarzana Regional Medical Center.

'79 In addition to being an assistant professor at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, **April Hazard Vallerand** is also a doctoral candidate in the Ph.D. program at the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing. She has published several books on nursing pharmacology.

'80 **Deborah Quick Zavaleto** completed her bachelor's in nursing degree through Indiana University. She and her family spent the summer in Switzerland.

'80 **Sally Morgan Velasquez** is working on her master's degree and is involved in directing a project relating the Roy Adaptation Model to areas of nursing education.

'80 Although she misses California, **Roxanne Moore Meier** is enjoying Florida's sunshine and beaches. She owns and operates an import/export consulting business, which she began in 1989.

'81 **Bernadette Biondo Solberg** has traveled extensively since 1991, visiting Switzerland, France, Italy, Ecuador, the Galapagos Islands and Nepal. She returned to Corvallis, OR, where she works in the intensive care unit at Good Samaritan Hospital with fellow MSMC graduate '72 **Kathy Vandehey Hale.**

'81 In addition to returning to school to obtain a teaching credential, **Cindy Dickmann Amano** teaches anatomy and physiology and basic nursing classes for a private company called New Start Homes, which provides homes for quadriplegics.

'81 After moving to Colorado, **Jane Fickenworth Peck** uses her nursing background in her current job of updating physicians on new pharmaceutical products. She completed a master's degree in business administration in May 1992.

'82 **Denise Anderson Boiko** divides her time between her two wonderful children and working as a consultant for SmithKline Diagnostics, researching clinical data analysis for gastrointestinal diagnostic testing products.

'82 **Hannelore Lange** enjoys receiving the *Mount St. Mary's College Magazine* all the way in her new home in Finland. She works as a teacher and secretary for the International Frostig-Society.

'82 **Lorraine Bragg Daskal** completed her master's degree from UCLA in June 1991 and works as a clinical nurse specialist at Kaiser Permanente-Sunset.

'82 **Susan Haselton Haas** and her husband celebrated their tenth wedding anniversary in Kaui, HI. She is employed at Kaiser International in the Los Angeles Harbor area.

'82 **Maria Flores** has been practicing dentistry in the Pacific Heights area of San Francisco for the past four years and opened a new office in southern San Francisco earlier this year.

'83 Recently promoted to Diabetes Educator at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, **Lisa Kirchen Wierwille** is responsible for the in-patient diabetes education and policy department.

'83 **Betsy Bannan Gilmore** works in private practice for orthopedic physical therapy and is the proud mother of two children.

'84 **Shelli Weekes** is employed as a departmental civil service representative for Los Angeles County Department of Public Works has been busy preparing for her November wedding.

'84 After giving birth to her first child, **Fiona McGinty Engler** returned to work for the LAUSD as a mentor teacher.

'84 **Lynette Dahlman** accepted the position of clinical supervisor of the intensive care unit at Daniel Freeman Memorial Hospital in January. In February, she won second place in Pillsbury's 35th Bake-Off in Orlando, FL.

The class of '81 commemorates its 10th reunion aboard the Harnblower yacht. Back row (L to R) Melissa Hayes Brennan, Brynnette Ramil Gerardi, Ramona Patts Camarga, Gloria Mucina, Monica Daranyi, Lori Hedgecock Speers, Cindy Dickmann Amana, and Stephanie Hagan Pass. Front row: Patricia Dominguez Ellis, Diana Rivas Vasquez, Teresa Sasal Gatti, and Kathleen Ziglinski Shechet.

As a result of a major adjustment being made in the MSMC computer system, there will be a slight delay in the publication of the *MSMC Alumnae Directory*. Your directory survey from Harris Publishing Company will be arriving in the mail after the first of the year. Immediately complete and return the survey so your up-to-date data will be included in the new directory.

'84 As of January 1, 1992, **Jean Bushnell** has been employed as a sales representative with a commercial printer.

'84 **Elizabeth Saly Sullivan** received her master's degree in medical-surgical oncology from UCLA in 1991 and now works as a clinical educator at City of Hope Medical Center in Los Angeles.

'85 **Colleen McDonald** enjoys the challenging experience of working in an intensive care unit. She volunteers with the Meals On Wheels Program and is active in her parish.

'85 **Raul Aguilar** has been promoted to assistant principal at Pacoima Skills Center.

'85 Displaying her artistic talents, **Barbara Abramson** had photographic work accepted into a permanent collection in Washington, D.C., has worked on an exhibit in Italy, and completed the first of three phases of a landscape design in Brentwood.

'86 **Gliceria Rosario** is currently working as an Extended Opportunity Program and Services Counselor at Los Angeles Trade Technological Community College.

'86 **Marianne Schiller** is employed at Huntington Memorial Hospital in Pasadena, where she is the clinical nurse specialist of pediatrics and the pediatric intensive care unit.

'87 **Iraida Fernandez** is a dependency investigator for the Department of Children's Services in Panorama City, CA.

'88 **Alison Galloway**, who is the administrative nurse in the main operating room at UCLA Medical Center and the Assistant Coordinator for the liver transplant team, is currently writing the first *Liver Transplant Orientation Manual* for UCLA nursing personnel. She was also selected by UCLA to attend the upcoming XIV International Congress of the Transplantation Society, which was held in Paris.

'89 **Emma Clark** is working at Children's Hospital in Los Angeles.

'89 **Sister Marian Schubert** completed her master of science in nursing degree from the UCSF School of Nursing.

'89 **Monica Quintero** will pursue a master's in business administration at Duke University. She was featured in *Corporate America* and *Hispanic Businesswoman* magazine.

'89 **Maureen McGuire Franek** enjoys working for a CPA in her hometown of Montgomery, MN. She has a young daughter.

'89 As a staff registered nurse and a certified CEMO nurse on the AIDS/Oncology floor at Daniel Freeman Memorial Hospital, **Jane Smith May** enjoys working with the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet.

'89 **Michelle Larrey** has completed her certificate to teach English as a Second Language at UCSB and is in Japan to fill a two-year teaching position at the Fukuyama YMCA.

'89 In addition to her job in the cardiac care unit at St. Vincent Medical Center, **Maria Vergara Vizurraga** works part-time as a home health nurse in Glendale, CA.

'90 **Susan Shields** writes that she is currently pursuing her master's degree in business administration at LMU.

'90 **Patricia Sandri** has accepted a job at Children's Hospital Chicago, where she will be working in a post-op program for children with cerebral palsy and with some private patients.

'91 **Susan Konzal** is employed as a physical therapist at Children's Hospital Los Angeles in the acute care setting with children of all ages.

'91 While pursuing her master's degree in clinical psychology at Pepperdine University in Malibu, **Maria Avila** is also involved in local, city and statewide campaigns and the Big Sisters of Los Angeles Program. In addition, she is interning at El Centro de Amistad in Canoga Park dealing with abused children.

By-Lines

The members of the Alumnae Association extend congratulations to the following alumnae and their spouses on the birth of their children:

'79 Hector Jacob to Regina Cabrera Bravo, 3rd child, 2nd son
'79 Taylor Olga to Deborah Pavetti, 1st child
'79 Emily Elizabeth to Judith Will Taylor, 4th child, 2nd daughter
'82 Meredith Wells to Lisa Wells DeHaas, 3rd child
'83 Griffin Royce to Karen Schwartzburg Schindler, 2nd child, 1st son
'83 Corino Lawrence to Michelle Drexelius Spitaleri, 3rd child, 1st son
'88 Linette Marice to Monica Navarro Martinez, 1st child
'89 Marshall William to Melissa Kester Montano, 2nd child, 2nd son

Requiescant

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of:

'46 brother of Kathleen O'Hanlon Truxaw and Marjorie O'Hanlon Quirke '49
'49 Wanda Mankiewicz Ryan
'53 father of Peggy Parkinson
'54 mother of Elisa Luna Sanchez
'68 William G. Rankin
'69 father of Kathleen Davison
'69 father of Beverly Opsitnick Yocum
'86 mother of Allison Lynch
'87 Francine Lester

They will be remembered in the Masses, prayers and good works of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

Three outstanding alumnae were honored at the celebration of the College's 67th Anniversary Founders Day in October—Sister Cecilia Louise Moore for professional achievement; Elizabeth "Beth" Hill for community service; and Elizabeth "Zan" Joyce Thompson for service to the College.

Sister Cecilia Louise Moore '52

BY JOAN CASHION '79

Sister Cecilia Louise Moore, who served as president of Mount St. Mary's College from 1967-76, is now in her seventh year as the Secretariat Director for Educational and Formational Services for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Mount St. Mary's still benefits from her leadership as she chairs the Board of Trustees.

"This honor is like receiving a gift from an old friend."

On August 9 of this year, Sister became the Assistant Provincial Superior for the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. Among other responsibilities, she serves as liaison between the province and CSJ-sponsored institutions which include the College, secondary schools, hospitals, and social outreach programs.

As president of Mount St. Mary's, Sister helped foster a more collaborative and participative form of governance for the College. She is also proud to have contributed to the growth and success of the Doheny program during her tenure as president.

Her philosophy of educating the total person inspired the creation of the Women's Leadership Program in 1975. Through this program, focused on total human development, the Mount became one of the first colleges to recognize that higher education needs to do more to prepare women leaders for the next century.

When Sister Cecilia Louise was named to her present position with the Archdiocese in 1986, she was the only woman Secretariat Director in the Archbishop's cabinet.

"Working within the primarily male structure of the Archdiocese is similar to my experience as president of the Mount at a time when there were few women college presidents," Sister says. She adds that it has also "de-mythologized" the Church for her in some ways, while at the same time underlining both the faith dimension and the human aspects of "Church."

"The College has always been part of my adult life," says Sister Cecilia Louise. "This honor is like receiving a gift from an old friend."

Elizabeth Hill '77

BY KELLY KESTER-SMITH '88

Career and community are inextricably linked for Beth Hill, who has taken the portion of the MSMC mission statement referring to "professional life as service" very seriously.

From 1977 to 1979, Hill worked as assistant head nurse of a 52-bed medical/cardiac/telemetry unit at Little

"The Mount environment gave me the ability to listen to the need, to see with love . . ."

Company of Mary Hospital in Torrance. She subsequently moved to Thousand Oaks, where she was the assistant head nurse of the 30-bed oncology unit at Los Robles Regional Medical Center. During her ten years at Los Robles, she completed her master's degree in health care administration at University of La Verne. She also discovered that she was blessed with a special gift for being present to the dying, and soon became well-known for her empathy and expertise in oncology nursing.

Hill spent her spare hours in a non-stop cycle of lecturing and fundraising, eventually procuring the $250,000 needed to obtain a charter to open The Wellness Community facility, a replica of the Santa Monica program which has been featured in *LIFE* magazine and on "60 Minutes." Her hard work and commitment were rewarded in June 1991, when the Valley-Ventura Branch of The Wellness Community became the tenth such center to open nationwide.

"It's a clubhouse for cancer patients, where they are able to be with other patients for support," Hill explains. The program includes counseling and education for patients and their families, who help one another find hope. She describes it as a place where patients are taught how to take action and fight to recover.

Hill found that when technology failed and patients were facing the end stages of their disease, those times were special to be with patients, too—reuniting families, finding small joys, and giving comfort. Compassion and concern for cancer patients remains central to her current work as associate manager of medical affairs for AMGEN, Inc., a biotechnology company that develops products to support cancer therapies.

Beth Hill has been honored with the Thomas J. Frist Humanitarian Award for her outstanding service at Los Robles Regional Medical Center, and by the Hospital Corporation of America with their California Regional Award in 1984.

"The Mount environment gave me the ability to listen to the need, to see with love, and to give whatever time, talent and energy I might have."

Zan Thompson '40

"I used to to write short assignments for some of my classmates who weren't strong writers," confesses Zan Thompson '40, who has been a newspaper columnist and freelance writer over the course of more than four decades. "But Sister Marie deLourdes was on to me. On one assignment, two of my classmates, whom I'd helped, got 'A's' and I received a 'D.' I went to Sister to find out why. 'Zan, dear,' Sister said, 'You should do your own assignments first, before you get tired.'"

Thompson's byline is familiar to readers of the *L.A. Times*. She's mentioned the Mount in many columns, helping spread good news about the College and its students. Her professional life has included working in politics and journalism concurrently. She was a member of the White House staff during the Nixon administration, and planned and coordinated countless events—from diplomatic receptions to political rallies that filled Dodger Stadium.

"When I retired from politics, the entire California press corps had a dinner for me at NBC, arranged by Tom Brokaw and Bob Abernathy," Thompson remembers. "Sixty-five men, and I was the only woman! ...It was a great evening."

Now, Thompson says, the natural tension between politics and journalism has gotten out of hand. "Today's reporters tend to go too far in trying to dig things up, investigate events they wish had happened, whether they actually did or not."

She is grateful to be named an Outstanding Alumna in Support of the College. "English majors don't win awards like that," she protests. "They go to sociologists, lawyers, researchers. Thank you for considering me for this lofty perch, where the air is so rare."

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Planned Giving Returns!

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You are no doubt aware of our new Heritage logo introducing you to a revitalized emphasis at MSMC on PLANNED GIVING. Heritage connotes something received from preceding generations. The College prizes its heritage of alumnae, along with its values and traditions. Through financial planning you can protect your own personal heritage while enhancing MSMC's; such planning has become of greater interest to many of us in the 1990s, as we have experienced the longest recession since World War II. The College wants to help you—our alumnae, parents, and other friends—through planned giving, a strategy that protects your long-term future.

Not entirely new to the Mount, planned giving efforts began in the 1960s and have yielded a number of large scholarship and endowment bequests and trusts. The College has promoted financial planning through several seminars, the *Mount St. Mary's College Magazine*, and other publications.

Sister Catherine Therese Knoop has recently been appointed planned giving officer and will work closely with Sister Magdalen Coughlin, chancellor; Ruth Ackroyd, director of institutional advancement; and Margaret Horst, director of alumnae relations. Through a two-year grant, the Ahmanson Foundation is underwriting the costs of re-establishing MSMC's office of planned giving.

Sister Catherine Therese's association with the College began in her student days when she earned a B.A. in economics; she also has a master's degree from St. Louis University and a Ph.D. from the University of California, Berkeley, in economics. Sister is an MSMC professor emerita and was the first director of institutional research. She served as a trustee of the College from 1985-92 and as chair of the Board's finance committee.

You will be receiving information on our planned giving program through College mailings, the *Mount St. Mary's College Magazine*, upcoming seminars, and personal contacts. A planned giving committee—comprised of trust officers; insurance, investment, and real estate persons; and others who deal with various forms of assets—will oversee the program.

Sister Catherine Therese is looking forward to working with all of you. If you would like more information now, or if you have any questions, please call Sister at (310) 471-9896; or call (310) 471-9510 and leave a message.

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Tuesday, December 8
Chamber Artist Series
8:00 p.m.
Pampeian Raam, Doheny mansian

Thursday, December 10
Storytelling and the Mystery of Christmas
Rev. Jahn Shea
9:00 a.m. ta 1:00 p.m., 7:00-10:00 p.m.
Daheny campus, Lecture hall

Co-sponsored with Office of Religious Education, Archdiocese of Los Angeles

Saturday, December 12
Christmas Choral Cancert
8:00 p.m., Carandelet Center Chapel

Frank Brownstead directs the Mount Chorus and Mount Singers in an enchanting evening of holiday music to get you in the Christmas spirit. For information call the MSMC music department, (310) 471-9535.

Saturday-Sunday, December 12-13
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JANUARY

Sunday, January 24, 1993
Art Gallery Opening Reception
"In Canjunction" Cantemparary Printmaking
Exhibit runs fram January 26-February 26

Two Saturdays, January 23 and February 6, 1993
Counseling/Listening Skills
Dr. Darathy Marran, psychalagist*

FEBRUARY

Wednesday, February 3, 1993
12:00 noon
Little Theatre, Chalan campus
Media Forum
"The Next Four Years: Journalists Preview the Clinton Presidency"

A panel of journalists representing diverse constituencies in the Los Angeles area offer insights into the relationship between the press and the presidency. Sponsored by the MSMC Department of English. For more information, call the public relations office, (310) 471-9537.

Saturday, February 6, 1993
Jesus... the Human Face af Gad
A Day af Prayer and Reflectian

**Both programs will take place at the Doheny campus and are sponsored by the Program in the Spiritual Life. Call Sister Thomas Bernard at (213) 746-0450 for more information.

MARCH

Two Saturdays, March 6 and March 20, 1993
Ethics in a Pastaral Cantext
Dr. Marie Egan, Assaciate Prafessor af Christian Ethics, MSMC*

Saturday, March 27, 1993
Wamen Cannecting Wamen
Sister Amata Miller*

*For information, call the graduate religious studies office at Doheny, (213) 746-0450.